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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows.

**This response is presented according to the Revised Amendment Format, and pursuant to the waiver of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, as explained in the Notice appearing at [www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/revamdtprac.htm](http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/revamdtprac.htm).**